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SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN AFTER MATH SEPTEMBER 8
LICE EARTHQUAKE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, SUKRU ELEKDAG, AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, CONCERNING US FUNDING AND TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO HELP VICTIMS OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURRED IN LICE SEPTEMBER 8, 1975. WHILE THE ELEKDAG LETTER WAS DATED DECEMBER 26, 1975, IT DID NOT REACH EMBASSY UNTIL JANUARY 8. THE AMBASSADOR'S REPLY IS DATED JANUARY 9.

A. QUOTE: MY DEAR AMBASSADOR: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEP THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE GENEROUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE LICE EARTHQUAKE TOTALLING 200,000 US DOLLARS EXTENDED BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS THROUGH THE LEAGUE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND ALSO FOR THE 25,000 US DOLLARS WHICH WAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA. THIS TIMELY ASSISTANCE HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RAPID IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE DISASTER AREA.
WITH KINDEST REGARDS, SUKRU ELEKDAG. END QUOTE.

B. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
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OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF THE LICE EARTHQUAKE. WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AID IN SOME WAY THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF THAT TRAGEDY, AND I WILL WITH PLEASURE CONVEY THE GRATITUDE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS AN INDICATION OF THE DEEP FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. BACKGROUND CONCERNING THIS EXCHANGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON.
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